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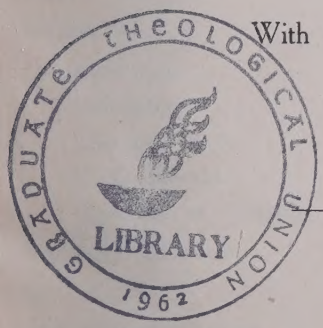

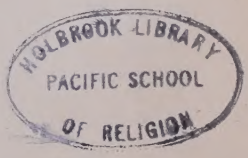

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Members of the Fourth General Assembly.

Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly of

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In Madura

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SESSION I

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The General Assembly met at 8 A.M. in the East Gate Church in Madura, the Vice-President, Mr. K. T. Paul, in the chair.

An impressive devotional service was conducted by the presiding officer.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and 52 delegates were found to constitute the Assembly. Their names and distribution are as follows :—

Madura East Church Council

Ministers. Rev. F. E. Jeffery, M.A., Aruppukottai
„ M. S. Thirituvatasan, Melur
„ P. Asirvatham, Manamadura
„ G. Tangam, Madura
„ Y. S. Taylor, Madura

Laymen. Mr. M. Asirvatham, B.A., L.T., Madura
„ Peter Isaac, B.A., L.T., Madura
„ S. Robert, Aruppukottai
„ M. Daniel, Tirupuvanam
„ D. Daniel, Manamadura

Telugu District Church Council

Minister. Rev. S. B. Simon, Jammalamadugu

Laymen. Mr. William Manasseh, Rameshveram, Prodattore
„ Y. Joseph, Jammalamadugu

Kanarese Church Council

Ministers. Rev. Geo. Wilkins, Bangalore
„ F. Kingsbury, Bangalore
„ E. H. Lewis, Bellary

Layman. Mr. Y. Surappa, Adoni

Arcot Church Council

Ministers. Rev. Henry Honegger, M.A., Arni
„ Joseph John, Madanapalle
„ Lazarus Marian, Punganur
„ John Kay, Chittoor

Laymen. Mr. W. H. Farrar, Katpadi
„ Eleazar Souri, Madanapalle
„ J. Ratnam, Arni

Madras Church Council

Ministers. Rev. S. Paramanandam, Royapuram, Madras
„ M. S. Jeevaratnam, Chingleput
„ Y. Devasirvadam, Arkonam

Laymen. Mr. S. Ambrose, Royapettah, Madras
„ I. David, Tindivanam
„ D. Pakyanathan, Ranipettai

Jaffna Church Council

Minister. Rev. J. K. Sinnathambi, B.A., Panduteruppu, Ceylon
Layman. Mr. T. P. Hudson, B.A., Sandilipay, Ceylon

North Tamil Provincial Church Council

Ministers. Rev. W. J. Hatch, Coimbatore
„ R. Robertson, B.D. Erode
„ G. Gnanamuthu, Erode
„ J. N. Devadasan, Pursewalkam, Madras

Laymen. Mr. R. S. Visuvasam, B.A., Erode
„ L. I. Steven, Pursewalkam, Madras
„ P. Thangamuthu, Vijayamangalam

Madura West Church Council

Ministers. Rev. J. E. Tracy, D.D., Kodaikanal
„ W. P. Elwood, M.A., Palni
„ J. J. Banninga, M.A., Tirumangalam
„ R. C. Selvanayagam, Kovilapuram
„ C. N. Eames, Pasumalai
„ S. Vethamanickam, Kodaikanal

Laymen. Mr. (Rev.) G. Joseph (when elected Mr. Joseph had
„ Y. Swamiadian, Dindigul [not been ordained)
„ B. Sundram, Batlagmudu
„ S. Devavaram, Batlagundu
„ Rajiah Lazarus, B.A., Dindigul

South Travancore Church Council

Minister. Rev. R. Sinclair, Nagercoil
Layman. Mr. A. Kadatcham, Nagercoil

Ex-Officio

Rev. J. H. Maclean, B.D., *Vice-President*, Conjeeveram
„ D. S. Herrick, M.A., *Secretary*, Bangalore

Honorary Members

Revs. H. W. Whyte, B.A., F. L. Marler, and Paul Daniel were elected honorary members. There were present also as honorary members by virtue of their office, or as conveners of committees, Rev. L. R. Scudder, M.D., Rev. H. A. Popley, B.A., and Mr. K. T. Paul, B.A.

Announcements of local arrangements were made by the Secretary.

It was voted to hold the communion service at 3 P.M. Sunday.

Rev. J. S. Chandler addressed the Assembly in a short speech of welcome, which was responded to by the presiding officer.

As the minutes of the previous Assembly had been printed and distributed, it was voted that they be taken as read.

The Assembly proceeded to elect its officers. For president, the names of Rev. F. Kingsbury and Rev. J. K. Sinnathambi were presented by the Executive Committee, and Mr. Kingsbury was elected. As there was only one nomination for vice-president, and only one nominee for secretary present at the Assembly, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for these candidates, *viz.*, for Vice-President, Rev. J. H. Maclean, and for Secretary, Rev. D. S. Herrick.

The Executive Committee presented its nominations for Standing Committees. These were amended, and the nominees elected as follows:—

Executive

Mr. Paul Daniel, Nagercoil
Rev. L. R. Scudder, Ranipettai
Mr. P. J. Devasagayam, Coimbatore
Mr. K. T. Paul, Salem
Rev. F. E. Jeffery, Aruppukottai
„ S. B. Simon, Jammalamadugu
„ J. P. Jones, Pasumalai
Mr. J. P. Cotelingam, Bellary
„ T. P. Hudson, Sandilipay, Ceylon

Ex-officio

Rev. F. Kingsbury, President, Bangalore
„ J. H. Maclean, Vice-President, Conjeeveram
„ D. S. Herrick, Secretary, Bangalore

References

Rev. J. H. Maclean, (Convener), Conjeeveram
„ J. K. Sinnathambi, Panduteruppu, Ceylon
„ J. M. Kesari, Trivandrum
„ Joseph John, Madanapalle
„ J. N. Devadasan, Madras
Mr. Michael Asirvadam, Madura
„ Thomas Harris, Vellore

Life and Work and Statistical Tables

Rev. L. R. Scudder, (Convener), Ranipettai
„ F. L. Marler, Gooty
„ C. D. Velupillai, Tellipalay, Ceylon
Mr. Paul Daniel, Nagercoil
„ R. S. Visuvasam, Erode

Representatives to other bodies were elected as follows, —

Federation of Christian Churches in India.

South India Provincial Council.

(As these bodies had not yet been constituted, the representatives elected to them in the Third General Assembly were re-elected.)

Presbyterian Church in India—
Mr. K. T. Paul, Salem (alternate, Rev. F. L. Marler, Gooty.)

General Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church—
Rev. J. H. Maclean, Conjeeveram
Mr. P. J. Devasagayam, Coimbatore
Rev. F. Kingsbury, Bangalore
Mr. Thomas Harris, Vellore

Provincial Synod and District Synods of the W. M. Church—
(The Executive Committee was instructed to appoint delegates to these bodies from time to time as need should arise.)

Church Council of the Basel Mission Churches—
Rev. J. S. Chandler, Madura
„ F. Kingsbury, Bangalore

Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—
Rev. S. B. Simon, Jammalamadugu

National Free Church Council, and Congregational Union of Great Britain—
Rev. A. Parker, Trivandrum

Synod of the Reformed Church in America—
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff

General Assembly of the Chuch of Scotland and
do do do United Free Church of Scotland—
Rev. J. A. Beattie, Chittoor.

The visiting delegates were introduced by the President, and made short addresses. From the Wesleyan Methodist Church there were present Rev. E. W. Thompson and Rev. Samuel Lamech. Mr. Thompson addressed the Assembly. At a later session, there were present also Rev. T. Subramaniam and Rev. Vethakan Isaac. The Rev. A. Schosser, President of the Basel Mission, spoke as representative of the Basel Mission Churches, and the Rev. J. Sandegren as representative of the Church of Sweden Mission in Madura.

The session was closed with the singing of the hymn "The Church's One Foundation" in Tamil, prayer by the Rev. L. R. Scudder, and the benediction by the President.

SESSION II

The Assembly resumed its sittings at 2 p.m.

The President called the meeting to order, and called upon the Rev. T. Subramaniam of the Wesleyan Methodist Church to offer prayer.

It was voted that the afternoon session of the Assembly should continue from 2 to 4-30 o'clock, and that the morning session on Monday be from 8 to 11.

The Secretary announced that, owing to the election of Mr. Kingsbury as President, duties had devolved upon him that were unexpected when he consented to give an address at the Public Meeting, and that at his request it had been arranged that the Rev. E. W. Thompson should speak.

Communications and references were taken up. The Secretary read letters from the Rev. N. Macnicol, from the Rev. L. P. Larsen, and from the Rev. J. C. Blair. These were later dealt with in the report of the Committee on References.

1. The report of the Executive Committee was read (See Appendix). Its three recommendations were adopted, *viz.*,

(*a*) That the Assembly invite the attention of the Madras Representative Council to the minute of the National Conference of Calcutta (p. 6, e, 1, of their Findings) suggesting the inclusion of representatives from Indian churches in the Representative Council; and that they request that this privilege may be accorded to the South India United Church.

(*b*) That the invitation of the Jaffna Church Council to hold the next meeting of the General Assembly in Jaffna be cordially accepted.

(*c*) That the allotments to the several Councils for the current expenses of the Assembly be the same as in 1911.

2. Rev. J. H. Maclean, convener of the Committee on References, read the report of the Committee. It embodied the following recommendations, which were adopted, *viz.*,

(*a*) Read letter from the Rev. N. Macnicol, acting Secretary of the Committee on the Federal Union of Indian Churches, informing the Assembly that it was proposed, with a view to meeting the difficulties felt in certain quarters, that Rule 3 of the Federation Basis read as follows: –"The Federation shall not interfere with the existing creed of any Church or Society entering into its fellowship, or with its internal order or external relations. But, in accepting the principle that the Church of God is one, and that believers are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof, the federating Churches agree to respect each others' discipline, to recognize each others' ministry, and to acknowledge each others' membership, by a free interchange of full members in good and regular standing, duly accredited, welcoming them into Christian fellowship and communion as brethren in Christ".

The Assembly declares its readiness to accept this modification if approved by the other Churches concerned. It also authorises the Executive to consider any further modification of this article that may be proposed, or any modification of any other article, and to adopt the constitution as so modified, if in its opinion the modification involves no interference with any vital principle. If in the opinion of the Executive any such interference is involved, it shall stay procedure, and refer the proposed amendments to the next General Assembly.

(*b*) Read letter to the Secretary of the General Assembly from the staff of the United Theological College, Bangalore (with the authority of the College Council), informing the Assembly that towards the building fund of the College the sum of Rs. 97,000 had been contributed by supporters of the College in Europe; and that the sum of Rs. 38,000 was still required to complete the scheme; and appealing to the South India United Church to contribute liberally towards the amount.

Resolved to commend the scheme to the liberality of the whole Church, and to authorize the College Council to appeal to Churches and individual members.

(*c*) Read letter from Rev. J. C. Blair of the Irish Presbyterian Mission, Gujarat, enclosing a copy of a draft memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, to be sent by the Presbyterian Church in India and certain Missionary Conferences and Missions, calling attention to the inadequacy of the Indian Divorce Act of 1869, and asking that a new Act be passed to meet the needs of Indian Christians.

Resolved to approve of the proposal to present such a memorial and to refer the draft to the Executive for careful consideration, instructing it to associate with itself for this purpose Rev. J. C. Perkins, Convener of the South Indian Missionary Association's Committee on disabilities of Indian Christians, and empowering it to deal with the matter as it considers best, and to take action in the name of the United Church.

The Assembly rose and sang the hymn "The Son of God goes forth to war".

The report of the Committee on Life and Work and Statistical Tables was presented by the Convener, Rev. L. R. Scudder. It was moved and seconded to adopt the first recommendation. After considerable discussion the report was referred to a committee of five, consisting of Revs. W. J. Hatch, R. Sinclair, H. W. Whyte, Mr. K. T. Paul, and Rev. L. R. Scudder, to review it, draft resolutions, and present them on Monday.

The Secretary read a telegram from the visiting delegates of the Church Mission Council, Tinnevelly, sending greetings, as they were unable to be present at the Assembly.

A recess was taken till 6-30 p.m.

SESSION III

At 6-30 p.m. a public meeting was held in the East Gate Church, the Vice-President in the chair. The hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung, and prayer was offered by the Rev. G. Wilkins.

Mr. K. T. Paul addressed the Assembly on the theme, "The Ideal of the South India United Church."

The Assembly rose and sang the hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," and were then addressed by the Rev. E. W. Thompson, who spoke on "The Message of the Church."

The meeting closed with the singing of the hymn "Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun," and with the benediction.

SESSION IV

September 21, 3 p.m.

The Assembly met in the East Gate Church at 3 p. m. and partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was administered by the Rev. J. E. Tracy, assisted by the Rev. G. Gnanamuthu.

SESSION V

September 22, 8 a.m.

The Assembly resumed its sessions on Monday at 8 a.m.

The President conducted a short devotional service.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read, amended and approved.

The Rev. J. K. Sinnathambi presented the following resolution, which was adopted by the Assembly,—

3. "The Assembly hereby records its hearty appreciation of the services of its late Secretary, the Rev. J. S. Chandler, and its gratitude for his untiring efforts in behalf of the South India United Church". Mr. Chandler was elected as a corresponding member of the Assembly.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. G. Pittendrigh, late president of the Assembly, in which he expressed his regret at being unable to attend the meeting of the General Assembly owing to absence in Scotland, his sense of the great importance of the General Assembly as the only visible expression of the unity of the South India United Church, and his desire that a great blessing might attend the present gathering. Recorded.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. D. G. M. Leith, informing the Assembly of the time and place of meeting of the several District Synods and of the Provincial Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and suggesting that the General Assembly might appoint representatives to these bodies.

4. The Rev. J. E. Tracy moved the following resolution, which was adopted by the Assembly,—

Resolved that the offering of Rs. 13-13-8 taken at the Lord's Supper be given to the National Missionary Society.

5. On Dr. Tracy's motion, the Assembly passed the following resolution,—

Resolved that the Assembly express to the Rev. J. P. Jones, D.D., its sympathy with him in his illness, and its hope and prayer that he may be restored to health.

The Secretary announced that the evening meeting would be held at six o'clock, in order to allow more time for delegates who desired to take the evening train north.

6. The report of the Committee of Five, to whom the report of the Committee on Life and Work and Statistical Tables had been referred, was presented by the Rev. L. R. Scudder, and its recommendations were read, amended, and adopted. (See Appendix, p. 18.)

After the adoption of these resolutions a short service of prayer was conducted by Mr. K. T. Paul.

7. The report of the Special Committee on the *United Church Herald* was read by the Convener, Rev. J. H. Maclean (See Appendix p. 52) and the following resolutions were adopted,—

(*a*) Resolved to accept Dr. Jones' resignation of the editorial work, thanking him cordially for his services, and expressing sympathy with him in the illness which has made his resignation necessary ;

(*b*) Resolved to make the following appointments : Editor, Rev. H. A. Popley (English and Tamil issues), Editor, Mr. A. Arthur (Telugu issue), Business Manager, Rev. J. J. Banninga.

Committee : The Editors and the Business Manager
Mr. N. Amritaya
Rev. S. Cave
„ J. K. Sinnathambi
„ S. Joseph
„ W. T. Scudder
„ J. H. Maclean (Chairman).

(*c*) Resolved that the Committee be authorized to appoint assistant editors and correspondents from the different parts of the field.

The Rev. J. J. Banninga, Manager of the *United Church Herald* made a strong appeal for the support of the *Herald* as the organ of the South India United Church.

The report of the special Committee on the Directory of Worship was read by the Rev. H. A. Popley, Convener, and was discussed.

A recess was taken till 2 p.m.

SESSION VI

The Assembly resumed its sessions at 2 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "My faith looks up to Thee". Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. N. Eames.

8. The Report of the Committee on the Directory of Worship was taken up, and its recommendations were discussed, amended and adopted. (See Appendix p. 54.)

Brief interesting reports of the work of several Indian Missionary Societies were presented. The National Missionary Society was represented by Mr. K. T. Paul, the Jaffna Home Missionary Society by the Rev. J. K. Sinnathambi, the Madura Home Missionary Society by the Rev. V Santiagu, and the Gospel Extension Society of the Synod of Madras by the Rev. H. Honegger.

Rev. S. B. Simon made a statement regarding the late Rev. S. S. Harman, and a committee consisting of the Rev. J. H. Maclean and Rev. S. B. Simon was appointed to draft a suitable resolution regarding his death, and to present it at the evening session.

The hymn "God bless our native land" was sung.

On motion of the Rev. J. J. Banninga the Assembly voted to change the order of the programme for the session.

The Rev. J. H. Maclean opened a discussion on "What can we do to make Union more real in the South India United Church?" and in the course of his address made the following practical suggestions,—(*a*) that care should be taken to carry out the resolution of the Third General Assembly regarding the use of the name "South India United Church": (*b*) That leaders of church worship be asked to include prayer for the South India United Church in the intercessory prayers of the congregation: (*c*) That the Order of Service be adopted by all the churches as an expression of unity: (*d*) That in arranging for their annual meetings, and for ordinations and other special services, Church Councils be asked to invite representatives of other Church Councils to participate: (*e*) That the President of the Assembly be asked to visit Church Councils or Conferences concerning church work. Several members took part in the discussion.

9. On motion of the Rev. G. Gnanamuthu, amended by Rev. J. H. Maclean, the following resolution was adopted,—"The General Assembly instructs the Executive Committee to discuss the question of forming an Indian Ministers' Conference, in consultation with the several Church Councils; and, if it is found that the Indian Ministers as a whole are in favour of such a Conference, to take steps to organize it at such time as may seem most advisable".

A communication from the Rev. J. S. Chandler was read, in which he thanked the assembly for his election as a Corresponding

Member, and expressed his regret at his inability to be present throughout. Recorded.

The Secretary announced that the following representatives had been elected by the Executive Committee,—

To the Negapatam District Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Rev. F. E. Jeffery and the Rev. V. Santiagu.

To the Mysore District Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Rev. Samuel Francis and the Rev. G. Wilkins.

To the Madras District Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Rev. P. B. Ragaviah, and the Rev. G. Pittendrigh.

To the Provincial Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Rev. S. Nicholson, the Rev. Joseph John, the Rev. G. E. Phillips, and Mr. K. T. Paul.

10. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee it was voted to print an edition of 500 copies of the minutes of the Fourth General Assembly, which should include in the Appendices the reports of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Life and Work and Statistics, the Committee on the *United Church Herald*, and on the Directory of Worship; also the Constitution and Statement of Belief.

On the motion of the Rev. J. J. Banninga the following resolution was adopted,—

11. Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to forward copies of the minutes of this meeting to each Council, and that each Council be requested to read and consider these minutes at their next regular meeting.

A recess was taken till 6 p.m.

SESSION VII

The Assembly met at 6 P.M. After the singing of the hymn "Love Divine all love excelling," prayer was offered by the Rev. E. H. Lewis.

The Rev. J. H. Maclean moved the following resolution, which was adopted by the Assembly,—

12. The Assembly desires to put on record its sense of the loss sustained by the Church through the early death of the Rev. S. S. Harman. Mr. Harman was a member of the third General Assembly, and throughout his missionary career was an earnest advocate of those ideals for which the Church stands, and did much to make those ideals a reality in the life of the Christians in that portion of the Telugu field in which his lot was cast. The Assembly prays that among these the fruit of his labours may be seen in the development of a well-organised church life.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Harman's mother, with a cordial assurance of the sympathy of the Assembly.

On the motion of the Rev. E. H. Lewis the following resolution was adopted,—

13. Resolved that the Fourth General Assembly of the South India United Church desire to express their warm thanks to their hosts and hostesses, and to the Hospitality Committee in Madura, for their kind hospitality, and for the excellent arrangements made for their convenience and comfort.

The Secretary read the minutes, which were amended and approved.

The President addressed the Assembly on the subject "A Christian Church; A National Church," in the course of which he said that the establishment of an indigenous church in India involves the recognition of a connection between Hinduism and Christianity; that, while Christianity is not the fulfilment of Hinduism, Jesus Christ is certainly the fulfiller of all that is good and beautiful in the Hindu, and of all his pious longings. When the Hindu shall have accepted this idea as the crown of his religion, there will arise an indigenous church free from foreign support and control.

Adjourned with the benediction by the President.

D. S. Herrick,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Executive Committee

WE are met to-day to constitute the fourth General Assembly of the South India United Church. The place of our meeting was chosen by invitation of the Madura Mission. No other invitation was received, a fact that may be attributed to causes not likely to recur. The fact that the invitation was given by the Mission, and not by the Church Council, and at a somewhat late date, prompts us to remark that it would be a good thing if each Assembly could before adjournment decide upon its next place of meeting. This would involve that one or more of the Councils should empower its delegation to extend an invitation to the Assembly to hold its next meeting within its bounds.

It gives us pleasure to note that there are present with us (or expected) four visiting delegates from the Wesleyan Methodist Church, two from the Church Mission Society in Tinnevelly, one from the Basel Mission, and one from the Church of Sweden Mission in Madura. Three Commissioners were appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in India. Of these one is in Europe, one is unable to be absent from his station in September, and the third has not been heard from.

As representatives of the S. I. U. C., the Rev. G. Pittendrigh and the Rev. H. J. Scudder were appointed visiting delegates, the former to the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland and of the United Free Church of Scotland; and the latter to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in North America.

Since the last Assembly eight Churches have been organized within the Telugu Council, and two have been added to the Madras Council, *viz.*, the Indian Christian Churches of Vizagapatam and Chittivalsa. It was the desire of these Churches to be affiliated with the S. I. U. C. as a separate Council. This seemed undesirable on account of the comparative smallness of the total number of Christians connected with them, and on account of the fact that the branch church is not yet self-supporting. A visit to these Churches by our vice-president, Mr. Paul, and further correspondence, has resulted in the present arrangement.

We are glad to report a continued hopeful outlook in the direction of union with the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the churches connected with the Basel Mission. In the case of the former a Committee on union has been formed with instructions to arrange for inter-visitation between the local and provincial representative bodies of the Wesleyan Mission Church and the S. I. U. C. The doctrinal and constitutional difficulties do not seem to be great. Those who desire a statement of the case from the Wesleyan point of view will find it in the *U. C. Herald* for July.

Regarding union with the Basel Mission Church similar remarks apply. The Rev. A. Schosser was appointed by the Basel Mission Socicty to carry on the negotiations. His first communication to the Secretary was to the effect that a Board of Administration for the whole Church connected with the Basel Mission was to be appointed, which would deal with matters hitherto dealt with separately by the three Synods and their respective Synod Boards. This Board has now been appointed, and meets in November or December, at which time the matter of union with the S. I. U. C. will be discussed. There the matter stands at present.

At the meeting of the General Assembly in 1911 it looked as if union with the Churches of the Ceylon and India General Mission were not far off. But a letter from the Secretary of that Mission, dated Feb. 28, 1912, dissipated all immediate hope of such union. In it he says,—

" We are also in agreement with the plan of Church Government, the creed, and general aims of the S. I. U. C., but we regret to say that among the members of the S. I. U. C. there are some who hold views which we believe to be unscriptural, and which affect the fundamentals of our faith ; and for this reason we do not see our way to join the S. I. U. C." On receipt of this letter the correspondence ceased. Nevertheless we do not abandon all hope that in time a union with this body may be effected.

By a process of evolution the *United Church Herald* Committee has become a special committee of the S. I. U. C. and is no longer a sub-committee of the Executive Committee, certain members having been added who are not members of the Executive. As an independent committee it will give its own report.

The Committee on a Directory of Worship was enlarged by the co-option of four members, and will present a report.

A meeting of the Executive was held in Madras 18th November, 1912, at which the Church at Vizagapatam was advised to connect itself with one of the existing Councils. The meeting of the Assembly was set for the latter part of September.

In March the resignation of the Rev. J. S. Chandler as Secretary was accepted, owing to the interference of his duty as Secretary with his regular work ; and Rev. J. H. Maclean was elected. He felt obliged to decline the office, and proposed the name of Rev. D. S. Herrick, who consented to act at least till the meeting of the Assembly.

The Accounts of the Treasurer have been audited and signed as correct by the Rev. L. R. Scudder, and show a balance of Rs. 82-8-0 in the hands of the Treasurer.

(Signed) D. S. HERRICK,
for the Committee.

(For the recommendations of the Committee see page 9 of the Minutes)

APPENDIX B

Report of the Committee on Life and Work

Fathers and Brethren,

Your committee would respectfully place before the General Assembly the statistics of the churches of the South India United Church by Councils, together with a summary. In the following report we would try to interpret the meaning of these figures, and to draw conclusions with reference to the condition of our Church. We realize that there may be inaccuracies in the figures, though great care has been taken to have them correct. As a number of the Councils have drawn up no report on life and work, your committee with reference to such councils has been left unguided in drawing these conclusions. Not knowing special conditions, our conclusions may perhaps give a wrong impression. We would be glad to have such wrong impressions corrected on the floor of the Assembly. But the report is an honest effort to see things as they are.

The report shows nine Councils and the unorganized Christians of the London Mission, Travancore. This statement calls for an explanation. Only about one-third of the Christians of the London Mission, Travancore, are connected with the 18 churches forming the South Travancore Church Council. The remaining two-thirds are under the care of the Mission, and, we are informed are organized on lines similar to the Churches under the Travancore Church Council. But they really have no ecclesiastical status in the South India United Church, and so should not be shown as belonging to that Council. But, on the other hand, as they had been included in the Statistics of the South India United Church from the beginning, and were under the control of one of the affiliated missions, we felt that they ought to appear in our statistics. So we have shown the statistics of the South Travancore Church Council separately, and the statistics of the London Mission Christians by themselves. These nine Councils report 139 Churches, a gain of nine. Recently the Churches of Vizagapatam and Chittavalsa have joined the Madras Council.

The number of Indian Pastors is 78, a gain of one. But within the bounds of the Councils there are at least 14 ordained Indian ministers who are not pastors, but engaged in evangelistic and educational work. To some of these large responsibilities have been given in the development of evangelistic work.

Your committee notes with much satisfaction a strong tendency to strengthen the sessions or church committees. The terms "elders" and "deacons" have both been retained in our statistical forms.

Our statistics show 252 elders and 950 deacons, a gain of 806 under the two heads. While formerly in the Presbyterian branch of our church the two words had a different significance, that is passing away. So that now the two words are practically synonymous, and the two columns may be combined into one. There would be an advantage in dropping one of the words. As the word "elder" is more easily translated into the vernacular, it would seem to be the one best adapted to our use. Your committee would urge the importance of not only enlarging the session or church committee, but also giving it a position and dignity of its own. All elected to the committee should be given the title. Only men spiritually fitted should be chosen. They should be set apart for their office by a special consecration service, and the responsibility for all the work of the Church, as well as its finances, and the work for the young in Christian Endeavour and Sunday Schools, should be shouldered by them. This committee should have regular stated monthly meetings to pray and work for the interests of the Church. We trust that the Church Councils will draw the attention of their Churches to this matter.

There are this year 26,689 communicants, a gain of 1,704. The total received into our Churches during the year 1912 was 2,435. Very few of the Churches failed to receive communicants. Death, discipline, and removals accounted for a loss of 1,516. So the net gain for this year stands 919. The Council that has made the largest gain is the Madura West. Madras is a close second. The combined Travancore figures stand third. Three Councils show a loss, *viz.*, The Telugu Council, the North Tamil Provincial Council, and the Arcot Council.

There were baptized 1,584 adults during the year 1912, and 3,209 children, a total of 4,793. This should have insured us a very large increase under this head. But in the North Tamil Provincial Council, the Madura East Council, and the Telugu Council, there were rather heavy losses recorded under baptized adherents that reduced our net gain to 1,616. The total baptized community stands 101,907 a gain of 2,690.

So far our conditions may be considered favourable, and we can congratulate ourselves on our internal growth shown by the growth in communicants and baptized adherents.

But when we come to consider the statistics of unbaptized adherents we will have to admit that conditions are not so bright. Instead of a growth over the figures of two years ago we find an actual decrease. There is a loss of 2,476. You will say that the 4,800 baptisms are really transferred from these columns. That is true. But if we are to grow we must receive recruits from Hinduism, and those recruits must largely come to us through these columns. When they show a loss it proves that we are not growing.

This is wholly borne out when we examine the figures, showing our total Christian community. In the two years since our last Assembly, the statistics show that we have grown by only 265 souls. It is not true that we have had no accessions from outside. But it is true that our accessions have barely made up for our losses. When we take into consideration the natural increase in a community of 145,000 by the increase of births over deaths, the conditions are still worse. The natural increase could hardly be less than 1,500 a year for our Christian community. That should give us a growth of three thousand in two years. Instead we have 265. It is true that in all mass movements many come who have not counted the cost, and who in the face of persecutions and trouble slip back. But should not a live vigorous church be able not only to hold its own natural increase, but also to bring into the fold a larger number than stray away from it? When we think of the 26,600 communicant Christians, every one of whom should be a witness; of the hundreds of catechists, teachers, and Bible-women who devote their whole time to religious work; when we think of the 90 odd Indian ministers, and the force of foreign workers connected with our six missions; when we think that all the resources of God Almighty have been placed within the reach of this force of workers, and that we have the promise of the Holy Spirit as our Executive and Leader, what shall we say when we face the fact that for two years of work we can record so little growth? What has become of God's promise that one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight? Can we call it anything else than a prolonged and serious defeat? Can we consider it only an ordinary incident in our work, and pass it over lightly? Joshua and the Elders of Israel did not consider a defeat of the Lord's forces as a light matter. In sackcloth and ashes, with prayer and fasting, they humbled themselves before God till He showed them the cause of their failure and taught them how to remove it. Can we do less than humble ourselves before God till He show us why we have been defeated? Are we right in believing that victory is our normal condition? If so, can we fail to admit that defeat is sin? Will not this Assembly consider the advisability of appointing a time of fasting and prayer for our whole church in which to humble ourselves before Him and seek anew His presence?

Work for the young in Sunday Schools shows an encouraging advance. There are 85 more schools, 206 more teachers, and 2,503 more pupils. The magnitude of the work is seen when we say that there are now 1,245 schools, 2,349 teachers, and 46,506 pupils. But we do not believe that these figures exhaust the possibilities that lie before us.

We have so far opened no column for Christian Endeavour statistics. Your committee believes that it will be well to

recognize this movement also by securing statistics. The society has proven itself so thoroughly adapted to conditions in India, that we feel it would be well to recognize its work and try to stimulate its growth. Your committee would also like to raise the question whether the very great importance of the work for children does not call for a standing committee of the General Assembly on work for the young. Such a committee could keep in touch with the India Sunday School Union and the Christian Endeavour authorities, and work for better methods of Sunday School work, and the wider introduction of the Christian Endeavour Society. It could call the attention of the Councils to the importance of this work, and stimulate them to press it among their churches. Such committees in the Assemblies of some of our home churches are greatly stimulating work for the young. We believe that such a committee would be able to accomplish a great deal.

The most notable advance in our statistics is to be found under the head of benevolence. The last report showed Rs. 97,465 as contributed by the churches. This year it is Rs. 109,135 a gain of Rs. 11,670. Two of the Councils have more than doubled their gifts, and all but two have shown substantial gains. As the Canarese Council two years ago reported only their total gifts, we are not able to compare accurately the proportion of increase or decrease under the heads of contributions for congregational purposes and for benevolence. But the facts seem to indicate that there has been an actual decrease under the head of benevolence, and a large increase given for congregational purposes. As long as our churches have not reached the goal of self-support it is only natural that larger emphasis should be placed on the side of church and pastoral support. And every step towards complete self-support must be greeted with pleasure. But your committee would like to raise a note of warning at the tendency materially to reduce the gifts for benevolence. In a measure, what is spent for congregational support is spent on ourselves. What is spent for benevolence is spent on others. We need to see that the emphasis on self-support does not lead our churches to reduce what they are giving for others. Selfishness may be manifested even in our giving. It may be that attractive opportunities for benevolent contributions have not been placed before our churches to stimulate their giving along these lines. If this Assembly can take any steps to place such opportunities before our churches, we believe a lasting good will be done. Will it be possible, for instance, for our Assembly to take up any definite missionary responsibility that would call out the missionary spirit of our whole church ?

It is interesting to note that the Jaffna Church Council leads in contributions by giving over Rs. 6 per member of their Christian community. There are four councils, viz., the Kanarese, Madras, North Tamil Provincial, and Arcot, that give more than a rupee a

member. The Madura Councils fall just below the rupee standard. The two Travancore bodies and the Telugu Council give eight annas or less.

The purpose of this report will hardly be gained unless the condition of each Council is passed in view, so far as it is possible to do so from a study of the statistical tables.

Madras Church Council

This Council reports 13 churches, the same as before, and eleven Indian pastors, one more than in the last report. Four Indian ministers are ordained evangelists and devote their whole time to purely evangelistic work. Another devotes his time to the care of a group of unorganized village congregations. There are thus 18 ordained Indian ministers at work in the area of this Council.

There is a tendency in this old conservative Presbyterian body to give up the old dual formation of Sessions and Deacons' Court, and transact all the business of the church, spiritual and financial, in the one court. Seven out of the thirteen churches seem to have adopted this organization. Each church seems to have a well organized church committee, adequate to the spiritual and financial administration of the local church.

The Council has made a substantial gain of 344 communicants over the figures of two years ago, reporting a total of 2,291. During the year under review every church has recorded additions.

There has also been an increase of 541 in baptized adherents, making the total under baptized community 6,402, a gain of 885.

Accessions from heathenism have given a gain of 251 among adherents.

This makes the total Christian community 7,994, a gain of 1,136, the largest of any of the Councils.

There has been also a remarkable increase in Sunday School work. The figures are 22 new schools, 57 new teachers, and an increase of 1,265 scholars. This is not only the largest gain, but comprises a little more than half the total gain under this head.

Financially also this Council has made a notable advance. The figures show an increase of Rs. 2,021 for Congregational purposes, and a decrease of Rs. 556 for benevolent contributions. But the net increase is Rs. 1,465, the total being Rs. 11,086.

So far as statistical increase goes, this is the banner Council.

Arcot Council

The Council of Arcot shows a loss of one church and two Indian ministers. In November, 1911, the Coonoor Church was with the mutual consent of the Church itself and the Council of Arcot passed over to the Synod of the Basel Mission, when the Arcot Mission withdrew from the work they had been carrying on in Coonoor. The transfer is not a loss to the Christian Church. But it has very materially reduced the statistics of this Council. Though 297 have been received

into the Church, there is a net loss of 55 in communicants. Baptized adherents have increased by 344, and the total Christian community by 270. The Council has only just made up its loss under Sunday Schools. It also shows a net loss of Rs. 2,482 in total contributions. This is only partly due to the loss of the Coonoor Church, which contributed about Rs. 650. In the statistics of two years ago some large sums were included that had been contributed for enlarging the Vellore Church. Taking these facts into consideration, there has probably been no falling off in liberality in this Council. Two Indian ministers are now giving their whole time to evangelistic work. This Council has thirteen churches and ten ordained pastors.

North Tamil Provincial Council

The statistics of the North Tamil Provincial Council show a loss in nearly all particulars as compared with the figures of our last report. The number of organized churches is the same, *viz.*, thirteen. But two have been organized since the last Assembly. So two must have been disbanded. There were five Indian ministers then, and only four now.

With two or three exceptions the churches seem to have well organized church committees. All but two of the churches have received accessions under the head of communicants more or less large. The total gain for the year is 230. The losses are only 14, giving a net gain of 226. And yet the total of communicants this year shows a loss of 58 over the statistics of the last Assembly.

Again, there is a loss of 1,356 in adult baptized adherents. And though there is a gain of 240 under children, the total baptized community shows a loss of 1,174. There is a gain of 134 under unbaptized adherents. But the losses mentioned bring down the total Christian community to 4,066, a loss of 1,041. Under Sunday schools there is a loss of 33 schools, 44 teachers, and 661 scholars. These losses are partly explained by the fact that some villages were passed over to the Wesleyan Missionary Society, and some of the unorganized congregations included in the statistics of last year are omitted.

There has been a gain of Rs. 524 for Congregational purposes, and a loss of Rs. 573 for benevolent purposes. The net result is a loss of Rs. 49. The total contributions are Rs. 4,898.

South Travancore Council

In connection with this council and the Travancore London Mission are to be found more than half of the Christians of our South India United Church. As stated above, only about one-third of these are connected with the Travancore Council. Two-thirds are under the Mission, and only nominally connected with us. Last year the statistics of the whole community were shown together. But your committee felt that it would be fairer to show the

two sections separately, and have done so in the tables of this year. But for the sake of comparison with last year, the community must be treated as a whole. In the next report it will be possible to treat them separately. As a whole the statistics show a growth.

The number of organized churches remains 18 and the number of pastors is one less, *viz.*, 13.

From the statistics presented by the Council, it would seem that each of the 18 churches has a well organized and strong church Committee. But statistics for the Mission congregations are not available.

There are 10,633 communicants, a gain of 282. 572 were received during the year, against which is shown a loss of 314 from deaths and removals.

Baptized adherents number 43,297, an increase of 2,639. During the year 2,795 were baptized. The total baptized community numbers 53,930, an increase of 2,921. But there has been a falling off of 1,867 in baptized adherents. It is because of this that the total community has increased by but 1051. The total is 81,778.

There has been a loss of 18 in Sunday schools, and 673 in pupils. The total of scholars stands at 18,814. The total amount raised during the year was Rs. 36,695, a gain of 2,242.

Madura West Council

The statistics of this council also show advancement and growth. It reports 18 churches, a loss of one, and 13 pastors, a gain of two. Four of the churches report no session or church committee. How they can be considered organised churches without a committee it is hard to say. It may be only a failure to report their committees. Nearly all the other churches seem to have strong organized committees.

There are now 4,134 communicants, a gain of 397, the largest gain of all the Councils. 364 were received, while a loss by death and removals of 175 is shown.

Baptized adherents show a gain of 1,285. During the year there were 265 baptisms. The total baptized community is 10,594, a gain of 1,682. In this Council also there has been a loss of 1,160 in unbaptized adherents. The total Christian community is 12,255, an increase of 522.

There are 12 more Sunday Schools, 19 more teachers, and 481 more pupils, who number 4,791. Contributions have increased by Rs. 565.

Madura East Council

This Council shows on the whole a gain. There are 17 churches and 14 pastors, the same as before. One church reports four deacons, another two deacons. All the others report but one deacon as associated with the pastor in the oversight of the church. If this is so, it

would seem to your committee wise to suggest that these churches materially increase the size of their church committees. A strong, numerous, spiritually-minded, and enthusiastic church committee is a most important factor in the care and building up of a strong church.

There are 3,476 communicants a gain of 130. 324 were added during the year, while death, discipline, and removals, show a loss of 202.

Though there were 244 baptized during the year, the total of baptized adherents has fallen off by 1,434; and the total baptized community by 1,304. The latter now stands at 6,742.

Evidently a large number have been received from heathenism as the unbaptized adherents have increased by 1,933. This retrieves the large loss among the baptized, and makes the total community 11,262 a gain of 629.

There has been a large increase in Sunday School work. There are ten more schools, 47 more teachers, and 1,021 more scholars, of whom there are 4,560. But it is in its financial gain that this Council takes first place. It increases its contributions for congregational purposes by Rs. 5,110, while its benevolent contributions fell off by Rs. 295, leaving a net gain of Rs. 4,815.

The Kanarese Church Council

This is our smallest Council and does not seem to have made much advance except in contributions. They report ten churches, a gain of one, and can still report but one Indian pastor.

There has been a gain of 18 communicants who number 408.

There is a falling off of 103 in baptized adherents and of 85 in total baptized community.

There is a gain of 38 in unbaptized adherents. But the total Christian community, which is 1,410, shows a loss of 47.

But as this Council has more than doubled its contributions, it makes the second largest proportional gain. Its gifts according to the last report were Rs. 1,141. This year it has given Rs. 2,377. It has also enrolled 106 pupils in its Sunday Schools.

The Jaffna Church Council

This Council reports 21 churches, a gain of one. The ordained ministers stand as before at 11.

Every church but one has received additions in communicants. The number on the rolls is reported at 2,174, a gain of 154.

Baptized adherents have increased by 96. The total baptized community is 3,234, an increase of 250.

There is an increase of 23 in unbaptized adherents and 273 in the total Christian community, which stands at 3,447.

In Sunday School work this Council has just held its own.

It has increased its contributions by Rs. 2,007, giving the large sums of Rs. 21,114.

This is our second largest Council, and one that has received recent large accessions from a very widespread mass movement.

The Telugu Church Council

A study of the figures shows an effort to perfect church organization, and to purge the rolls of those who had shown themselves unworthy. This process shows a decrease in figures, but not a real weakening of the Christian community.

This Council reports 16 churches, a gain of 9.

They have still but one ordained Indian minister, though the Rev. S. B. Simon is evidently a minister at large to help in the administration of this large Council.

A very large increase in deacons has been shown. These would seem to be the village elders in the various villages grouped under each church. They certainly indicate a large effort to better organize the churches.

Although every church but three has received communicants during the year, the losses outnumber the gain by 29; and the total on the roll is 138 less than the number before reported.

There has also been a loss of 636 in baptized adherents, and 874 in the total baptized community, which now number 9,768.

There is a loss also of 1,768 in unbaptized adherents. The total Christian community is 15,837, a decrease of 2,542.

It is encouraging to note that there has been a large increase in Sunday School work. There are 75 new schools, 82 new teachers, and 895 more pupils. This more than doubles this work and is the largest proportional increase.

This Council too has more than doubled its contributions. According to the last figures they gave Rs. 1,629. Now they have given Rs. 3,500. This is also the largest proportional gain.

The only Councils that appear to have standing Committees on life and work are the Madras and Arcot Councils. Carefully prepared statistics, and a written report of each church, with balance sheet showing its financial standing, are submitted to this committee before the annual meeting. This committee draws up a careful report on life and work, which with the statistics for the year is presented to the Councils, and receives its careful and prayerful attention. These reports not only keep the Council informed of the condition of the churches, but also enable it at once to take steps to overcome discouraging conditions, and to rejoice in and profit by encouraging conditions. The reports of these two councils show an encouraging condition of most of the churches. Special mention is made of efforts for the young in Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavour Societies. Efforts to cultivate the evangelistic

spirit among the churches are mentioned. Efforts to deepen the spiritual life through prayer circles and Bible reading circles are mentioned, as well as the effort to get every family to conduct daily family worship. The great importance of village panchayets, not for discipline alone, but to gather together the chief men of the village for consulting regularly about the interests of the church, is emphasized. It is a pleasure and inspiration to read these reports and to see the care and attention that is given to all the interests of the Kingdom. Your committee would again urge the Assembly to advise each of the Councils to appoint such standing committees and carefully review the work of their councils each year. We would also ask that a copy of that report together with the statistics of the Council be sent each year to the convener of the General Assembly's committee on life and work. It will enable your committee to draw up a much more helpful and accurate report for the Assembly. An annual report was submitted to your committee by the North Tamil Provincial Council along the lines suggested above. The report speaks of the growing consciousness of the church of its mission to win India for Christ, fostered largely by the local and provincial Councils. It also calls attention to the fact that there are only four Indian pastors in the Council, expresses the need for more ministers of spiritual fervor and mental capacity, and expresses the hope that more men of this stamp will be forthcoming in the near future. The activity of the young people is mentioned with much pleasure. The Salem and Erode churches are congratulated on attaining self-support. And lastly, the Assembly is asked to have the President visit the important centres as a means of inspiration and spiritual uplift.

Your committee has been favoured with the report of the Madura West Council. While this does not review the condition of the churches, it breathes a spirit of optimism and encouragement, and is full of instances of encouraging results of evangelistic work showing how the door is open in many directions. The encouraging statistics of this Council have already been considered.

The Secretary of the Telugu Council, Rev. S. B. Simon, sends a personal statement of the conditions of life and work in that Council. He mentions that 100 church circle meetings, and four council meetings, have been held in a heroic effort to better organize the great mass of people who have so recently crowded into the Christian fold. He mentions efforts to purify the life of the people and to elevate the ideals of marriage; better attendance at services, and growth in spiritual life; aspiration for education among these backward people, the helpfulness of Christian Endeavour and Sunday School work for the young, efforts for growth in self-support, and efforts to improve the material condition of these people. It is but a

meagre glimpse of the many problems that this Council is trying to solve under conditions that are, to say the least, strenuous. No mention is made of the decrease shown in the statistical tables. We are left to draw our own inferences.

Mr. B. A. Arogyam also, Secretary of the Kanarese Church Council, has sent a review of the work of the churches of that Council. It is more a review of the conditions of the individual churches, and not a statement of the work of the Council and its problems. It shows the faithful administration of the means of grace, and makes special mention of the efforts of the Kanarese Church in Bangalore to build a much needed new church for themselves.

Your committee cannot refrain from again calling attention to the supreme importance of the development of the Indian Pastorate. Our statistics show 139 organized churches, and but 78 Indian pastors. In the two years under review one has been added to our list of pastors. There are now 61 organized churches without pastors. There are a few cases of one pastor being called to care for more than one church. But those are the exception. More than that, in the section of the Travancore church under the Church Council there are now 18 pastorates. It would seem not unfair to suppose that if the section not now under the Council were to be organized into distinct Church organizations, inasmuch as it is twice as large as the Council, there would be opened up from 36 to 40 more pastorates. Even though we hesitate to put the possible number of pastorates that could be thrown open as 100, we are perfectly safe in saying that it would be possible to double the number of our pastors in a short time, were suitable candidates available, and should the missionaries withdraw from the pastoral work they are now doing and thus open the way to do so. The Pastorate is the distinct prerogative of the Indian minister. Its position, its dignity, its honour, as well as its work and responsibility, are his alone. Let it be clearly understood that the South India United Church is prepared to ordain men possessed of the necessary spiritual and mental qualifications as ministers over organized congregations who shall have their ministerial standing in Councils composed mostly of their own brethren, and with opportunities of leadership in an Assembly representative of these Councils, and your committee believes there will be no lack of thoroughly qualified candidates for our work. If, on the other hand, it is understood that our Councils are slow to ordain Indian ministers, and that the positions open to young men are mainly those of unordained pastors, in reality catechists under the supervision of the missionary pastor, there will, we fear, be few applications from men of the calibre that we need. Young men of the character that we want are being trained in Bangalore and elsewhere. Let it be

known that there are positions of influence and power that they can enter with self-respect, and in which they can work out their ideals of leadership in an indigenous Indian Church, and we believe we shall do much to strengthen the movement towards our theological seminaries. Your committee would ask for a pronouncement from this Assembly that shall have no unequivocal sound. And we trust that the Councils will loyally respond to the call, and make a strong advance in placing the South India United Church under the leadership of Indian ministers full of the Spirit of God.

With reference to the large committees of unorganized believers who are still unconnected with the South India United Church, your committee would ask the Assembly to propose a conference with the London Mission authorities, to see whether some way cannot be found by which those communities may be brought into vital connection with our ecclesiastical organization.

Your committee before closing this report would like to mention a few considerations which they believe will materially help the spiritual growth and development of our churches.

First, we would mention the use of special services and conventions for the deepening of spiritual life. We have many of us experienced the great helpfulness of such meetings in our own lives and have been thankful for the uplift we have received. It is, perhaps, hard for us to realize also how hard it is for the lonely worker, dependent on the stimulus he can find by himself, to maintain a high ideal and high standard of living, surrounded as he often is by the most adverse environment. A retreat of a few days when the whole time is spent in seeking God's blessing under the leadership of spiritual leaders will be a great help to our workers.

As spiritual growth depends on prayer and the study of God's word we would suggest that special efforts be made by all the Councils to stimulate prayer and Bible study. Prayer circles in our different Councils binding all the people together may be tried with much profit. Bible reading circles with regularly assigned portions organized among our churches might materially help in the regular reading of God's word. The committee on Life and Work of this Assembly and of the Councils might be asked to do what they could to inaugurate such movements. We would suggest also an effort to secure family worship in every family of our church. The influence of such worship on the parents, and above all on the children, would be incalculable. We believe that a vigorous campaign for family worship would do much good.

There is one more subject we feel constrained to emphasize, in view of the small gain of the past few years. And that is to inaugurate a campaign of evangelism. Our failure to advance can

mean but one thing, and that is the failure of the rank and file of our Christians to consider themselves as witnesses for Christ. And that comes back again on us who are the teachers and organizers of the Church Had we placed the emphasis on this truth that it deserves, and organized our people to do this work, we would not now be mourning a defeat. The example of the marvellous growth of the church in Korea and Africa, where this truth has been signally emphasised, shows us what can be done. We have special difficulties to face, it is true. But do they not also warrant the faith that we shall have special grace given to meet them? And the greater the difficulties, the greater the need of an enthusiasm based on the promise of God. Will not this Assembly issue a call to a year of enthusiastic evangelism that shall enlist if possible every church member, and that shall include systematic teaching of the believer's responsibility? Your committee would ask that this receive the prayerful consideration of this Assembly. With profound thankfulness for the years of internal strengthening and growth, and for the better organization of our churches and with the prayer to God that He would in this coming two years help us to grow in spiritual grace and power, and use us to bring many more into the Kingdom of the Son of His love, we respectfully submit this report.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

(1) Resolved that each of the Councils be advised to appoint a Committee on Life and Work and Statistics; that the present statistical form be used as far as possible by all the Councils; and that a copy of the statistics and the report on life and work be sent each year to the Chairman of the Committee on life and work of the General Assembly through the Secretary of the Assembly.

(2) The Assembly understands that there are in various districts large numbers of Christians who have not been brought into connection with any of our Church Councils, and wishes to emphasise the importance of organizing them into Churches as soon as it is practicable to do so; and desires that in the meanwhile these communicants should be brought immediately into some official connexion with the Church Councils. The statistics of the Councils should include also unorganized companies of believers so related.

(3) Resolved that a special Committee on work for the young be appointed to take necessary steps to stimulate work for young people through Sunday Schools and Societies of Christian Endeavour. We propose as the Committee,—

Rev. J. J. Banninga (*Convener*), Rev. J. K. Sinnathambi
Mr. S. Daniel Rev. R. Sinclair
„ R. S. Visuvasam.

(4) The General Assembly would call the attention of the Councils and the affiliated Missions to the supreme importance of the development of the Indian Pastorate. The many pastorates without ordained Indian pastors, and the many congregations still unconnected with Councils, would seem to open up many opportunities to ordain Indian pastors. As the orderly and symmetrical development of the Indian Church can be best secured through the Indian pastor, this Assembly would urge the Councils to set apart for this ministry, as fast as they can be found, men of deep spiritual life and suitable educational qualifications.

The Assembly would also issue an earnest appeal to our consecrated young men to consider the call to serve Christ and their native land as ministers of the South India United Church, believing that this opens up to them opportunities of self-sacrificing service, as well as opportunities of spiritual leadership in an independent Indian Church, that will have great influence in winning India for Christ.

(5) The Assembly, deeply regretting the meagre and inadequate growth of our Christian community during the last two years, would call on every member of our South India United Church to pray and work for a great revival of evangelism. As effective witnessing for Christ must come out of a deep spiritual experience, this Assembly would ask the Councils to arrange to hold retreats and conventions for the deepening of spiritual life, and would ask every minister through Bible reading circles and prayer circles to enrich the lives of all Church members, that they may become effective witnesses for Christ. The earnest and whole-hearted observance of the Christian Alliance week of prayer is recommended to all the Churches, and all are asked to observe Good Friday as a day of humiliation and prayer for the inducment of power to win men for Christ.

(6) The General Assembly receives with great pleasure the suggestion of its Committee on Life and Work, that the time has come for missionary work to be undertaken on behalf of the whole church, and instructs the Executive Committee

(i) to study the possibilities of an advance in this direction, in consultation with leading members of the church in its different Councils;

(ii) to present to the next Assembly a definite scheme such as after discussion and approval by the Assembly may be brought officially to the attention of the church.

(Signed) L. R. SCUDDER,
for the Committee.

APPENDIX

Statistics of Councils.

Church			Officers		Communicants							Baptized Adherents		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Name of Council	Organized Churches	Pastors	Elders	Deacons	Added by certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll
Madras	13	11	57	22	196	111	6	54	15	171	2291	1400	2711	4111
Arcot	13	10	50	34	218	79	22	42	15	210	1933	1566	2535	4101
N Tamil	13	4	74	...	49	174	7	11	2	1	750	1402	1497	2899
S. Travancore (Indian Pastorates)	18	13	...	135	21	180	5	90	12	46	3983	8229	6631	14860
S. Travancore (Mission Congregation)	...	...	...	...	...	372	...	152	...	26	6650	14482	13955	28437
Madura West ...	18	13	71	33	81	283	...	67	8	100	4134	2601	3859	6460
Madura East ...	17	14	...	21	144	180	...	61	6	75	3476	2183	1083	3266
Kanarese	10	1	...	22	12	22	...	14	1	4	408	606	310	916
Jaffna	21	11	...	42	49	119	1	34	22	100	2174	46	1014	1060
Telugu	16	1	...	673	6	95	3	85	16	32	890	6685	2223	8908
Total...	139	78	252	982	776	1615	44	610	97	765	26689	39200	35818	75018

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	Unbaptized Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			Contributions		
*16	17	18	19	‡20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Baptized community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
6402	703	889	1592	7994	121	229	127	244	4902	9675	1411	11086
6034	661	775	1436	7470	124	198	139	266	4841	6942	1559	8501
3649	248	169	417	4066	117	124	84	106	2171	4238	660	4898
18843	4003	3795	7798	26641	185	523	105	286	5604	11999	2780	14779
35087	10280	9770	20050	55137	735	1352	277	517	13214	18765	3151	21916
10594	656	1005	1661	12255	26	239	149	232	4781	8219	2096	10315
6742	3017	1503	4520	11262	90	154	137	247	4560	10051	598	10649
1324	58	28	86	1410	18	38	15	50	648	2222	155	2377
3234	208	5	213	3447	38	77	82	257	4050	17129	3985	21114
9798	3522	2517	6039	15837	130	275	130	144	1725	3300	200	3500
101707	23356	20456	43812	145519	1584	3209	1245	2349	46506	92540	16595	109135

*Includes 12, and 15.

‡Includes 16, and 20.

APPENDIX
Statistics of
Madras Church Council.

Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
College Church ...		Rev. P. B. Ragaviah ...	Tamil	7	...	31	6	...	1	1	2	207
Royapuram Church		,, S. Paramanandam		4	2	12	5	...	6	...	...	328
Chingleput Villages				4	...	...	2	...	2	...	6	108
Chingleput ...		,, M. L. Jeevaratnam		4	4	17	12	...	1	1	31	115
Melrosapuram ...		,, A. T. Krishnan ...		5	...	3	7	...	2	...	6	56
Yehamur ...		,, S. Sigamani ...		5	4	32	28	...	14	5	6	406
Ranipettai ...		,, J. Selvam ...		6	...	45	8	...	1	1	51	208
Tindivanam ...		,, P. Arivanandam...		2	3	10	4	...	...	...	25	70
Orathur		,, C. Asirvadham ...		6	4	20	5	3	12	3	18	224
Gingee		,, Iyavoo Paul ...		4	5	14	...	2	6	3	12	271
Wandiwash ...				3	...	5	25	1	5	...	8	67
St. Andrew's Madras		,, G. S. Vedanayagam		2	...	3	9	...	2	...	...	114
Arkonam ...		,, Y. Devasirvadham		5	...	4	...	...	2	1	6	103
Madras Villages ...				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
		Total ...		57	22	196	111	6	54	15	171	2291

Other members of Council,

Rev. A. Andrew
,, T. K. Itty
,, M. Iswariah
,, E. M. Mcphail
,, A. Moffat
,, Meshach Peter
,, J. Solomon
Rev. Michael Peter
,, L. R. Scudder
,, W. T. Scudder
,, Alexander Silver
,, W. Skinner
,, J. Stewart

Congregations

Secretary, Rev. M. Peter, Wandiwash, N. Arcot

Baptised Adherents				Unbaptised Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday schools			Contributions		
Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	*Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	‡ Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
65	132	197	404	3	...	3	407	2	8	1	3	29	1521	23	1544
37	199	336	664	3	7	10	674	...	12	1	2	125	1354	147	1501
44	119	163	271	104	100	204	475	5	9	12	14	340	287	...	287
78	217	295	410	13	17	30	440	2	14	4	16	213	1014	670	1684
58	69	127	183	1	9	10	193	2	5	3	3	45	334	...	334
34	639	1073	1479	213	344	557	2036	37	55	21	24	599	487	84	571
83	257	340	548	130	127	257	805	...	6	15	47	1080	1043	236	1279
18	121	139	209	85	87	172	381	...	7	10	30	558	1014	100	1114
64	352	516	740	50	80	130	870	17	34	21	21	563	713	52	765
22	283	405	676	44	54	98	774	15	21	17	20	397	442	51	493
51	102	153	220	42	47	89	309	31	34	6	14	164	145	39	184
53	84	137	251	...	...	...	251	3	13	5	25	350	531	...	531
80	113	193	296	1	15	16	312	7	11	6	17	300	763	...	763
13	24	37	51	14	2	16	67	...	...	5	8	129	27	9	36
400	2711	4111	6402	703	889	1592	7994	121	229	127	244	4902	9675	1411	11086

* Includes total communicants and baptised adherents.

‡ Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

Arcot Church Council.

Church				Officers		Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
Arni	1856	Rev. C. Whitehead	Tamil	7	...	26	8	3	1	...	35	187
Gnanodiam ...	1868	Do	Do	3	...	11	14	8	5	5	13	195
Chittoor	1854	Rev. N. John Kay...	Do	6	4	26	...	9	6	...	27	202
Kandiputhur and Lokada ...	1867		Do	3	4	5	4	...	6	3	2	287
Katpadi	1867	Rev. B. Thomas .	Do	3	6	54	4	1	6	...	33	193
Kottapallee ...	1875	Do	Do	2	3	3	4	...	2	...	4	71
Sriperambudur ...	1908	Rev. S. Chellan ...	Do	6	...	5	7	...	1	3	2	114
Vellore	1855	„ S. Cornelius ...	Do	4	4	29	7	...	5	...	25	252
Walajabad ...	1896	„ V. Vedanayagam	Do	5	...	8	6	1	4	3	6	90
Burukayalukota ...	1908	„ Elijah John ...	Telugu	3	3	22	5	...	3	...	29	92
Madanapallee	1865	„ Joseph John ...	Do	3	3	8	8	...	2	...	13	96
Punganur	1909	„ Lazarus Marian	Do	3	3	10	4	...	1	1	14	51
Palmaner	1860	„ S. Thomas ...	Tamil & Telugu	2	4	11	8	...	...	...	7	43
		Total ...		50	34	218	79	22	42	15	210	1933

Other members of Council,

Rev. J. H. Wyckoff
„ J. A. Beattie
„ L. B. Chamberlain
„ J. H. Maclean
„ H. Hongeger
„ W. Meston
„ G. Pittendrigh
Rev. B. Rottschaefer
„ E. C. Scudder
„ H. J. Scudder
„ W. S. Sutherland
„ J. M. Sundram
„ E. Tavamani

Secretary, Rev. S. Cornelius, Vellore.

Baptised Adherents				Unbaptised Adherents			Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			Contributions		
Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	* Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	‡ Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
81	206	287	474	6	6	12	486	4	13	13	37	499	394	35	429
49	216	365	560	57	83	140	700	11	22	8	11	374	96	62	159
238	398	636	898	77	85	162	1060	19	33	24	39	763	491	75	567
97	331	528	815	36	86	122	937	13	5	10	10	293	287	38	326
82	285	467	660	112	143	255	915	5	14	17	15	600	281	118	398
58	124	282	353	50	68	118	471	8	17	8	8	233	140	5	145
52	171	323	437	223	216	439	876	72	28	18	28	382	559	10	569
44	240	284	536	5	2	7	543	3	12	12	53	665	1561	792	2353
78	95	178	263	5	24	29	292	...	3	1	3	45	720	154	874
41	121	262	354	54	32	86	440	10	16	10	15	208	410	27	438
76	156	232	328	...	3	3	331	5	11	5	17	274	1061	150	1211
53	158	211	262	31	35	56	318	22	24	10	16	378	692	71	764
17	34	51	94	5	2	7	101	2	...	3	14	127	248	21	268
566	2535	4101	6034	661	775	1436	7470	124	198	139	266	4841	6946	1563	8509

* Includes total communicants and baptised adherents.
‡ Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

North Tamil Provincial Church Council.

Church				Officers		Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by certificate	Added by Examn.	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
Coimbatore ...	1830	Rev. A. Samuel ...		5	...	2	1	...	3	2	...	13
Mettupalayam ...	1910			2	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	3
Erode ...	1910	„ G. Gnanamuthu...		9	...	35	47	...	1	...	...	8
Perundurai ...	1910			9	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	8
Kanjcoil ...	1910			8	...	...	20	6	...	...	...	2
Kangayam ...	1912			2	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	
Purasawalkam ...	1872	„ J. N. Devadasen...		8	...	...	7	...	...	...	1	15
Pulicat ...	1911			...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Gummudipundi ...	1908			9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Salem ...	1909	„ T. D. Moses ...		11	...	...	6	...	4	...	...	10
Chandaripet ...	1910			4	...	...	27	...	2	...	...	2
Attur ...	1910			4	...	6	26	...	1	...	...	3
Yercaud ...	1910			3	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	3
		Total ...		74	...	49	174	7	11	2	1	75

Other members of Council,

Rev. C. G. Marshall
„ R. Robertson
„ G. Matthews
„ H. A. Popley
„ A. W. Brough
„ W. J. Hatch

Secretary, Mr. G. S. Visuvasam, Erode

Baptised Adherents				Unbaptised Adherents				Baptisms During Year		Sunday Schools			Contributions		
Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	*Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	‡Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions.
47	153	200	331	7	2	9	340	5	3	9	20	635	671	105	776
35	20	55	90	...	...	...	90	...	...	3	4	50	67	14	81
19	263	382	465	38	24	62	527	24	8	19	22	469	694	246	940
44	297	741	822	108	83	191	1013	31	34	17	18	267	257	123	380
88	140	278	304	49	15	64	368	15	28	10	10	194	129	2	131
80	13	93	102	18	26	44	146	18	1	5	5	69	28	1	29
87	197	384	542	...	...	...	542	4	10	1	1	25	885	63	948
4	6	10	18	...	...	...	18	...	...	4	4	60	82	...	82
12	60	172	202	28	12	40	242	20	15	9	9	166	194	...	194
03	189	292	394	...	7	7	401	...	11	5	11	206	664	...	664
54	27	81	106	...	...	...	106	...	7	1	1	15	48	12	60
16	56	72	103	...	...	...	103	...	3	...	...	...	137	24	161
63	76	137	170	...	...	...	170	...	4	1	1	15	382	70	452
402	1497	2899	3649	248	169	417	4066	117	124	84	106	2171	4238	660	4898

* Includes total communicants and baptised adherents.

‡ Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

South Travancore Church Council

Church				Officers		Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
Nagercoil ...	1866	Rev J. M.. Kesari ...	Tamil	...	6	...	4	...	15	...	...	38
Santhapuram ...	1879		...	...	5	9	13	...	2	...	5	11
Zimpuram ...	1879	„ V. Visuvasam	...	...	5	1	10	...	3	1	...	14
Puttalam ...	1903	„ S. Vethamoney	...	...	7	...	7	...	2	2	...	15
Tamarukulam ...	1891	„ S. Abraham ...	...	...	12	6	7	...	4	...	6	20
Agastupuram ...	1879		...	...	10	...	3	...	4	...	1	12
Neyur	1866	„ P. Isaac ...	...	...	7	1	3	...	4	1	...	15
Kallukootam ...	1904		...	...	5	...	7	...	8	...	...	15
Kadambikkannoo.	1880	„ S. Joel ...	...	...	8	...	6	...	9	...	...	22
Martandam ...	1893	„ A. Samuel ...	...	...	12	...	23	1	5	...	8	4
Christukoil ...	1893	„ S. Devasahayam	...	...	7	...	6	...	3	...	...	17
Irenipuram ...	1893		...	...	7	...	11	...	6	...	...	16
Parechaley ...	1893	„ D. Sylum ...	...	...	7	...	15	...	3	2	...	25
Amyravithi ...	1880	„ N. Joseph ...	...	...	6	1	11	...	4	...	24	24
Nithkakkuli ...	1805	„ W. G. Roslam	Mala-yalam	...	20	3	28	2	8	2	2	59
Neyattankarni ...	1878	„ S. Sumanam ...	...	...	11	...	26	2	10	4	...	35
Venyanur ...	1906	„ Y. Sanatham ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Trivandram ...	1895		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...		...	135	21	180	5	90	12	46	398
Travancore Mission		(In charge of L.M.S.)		...	...	...	372	...	152	...	26	665
		Grand Total ...		...	135	21	552	5	242	12	72	1063

Other members of Council,

Rev. C Satthianathan.	Rev. C. Samuel.
„ B. Manasseh.	„ S. Matthias.
„ K. P. Thomas.	„ Samuel David
„ J. David.	„ I. H. Hacker.
„ A. Parker.	„ W. J. Edmond
„ H. T. Foster.	„ G. Parker.
„ H. Hewett.	„ S. Cave.
„ C. Sinclair.	„ W. D. Osbor

Secretary, Mr. Paul Daniel, Nagercoil

Baptised Adherents				Unbaptised Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			Contributions		
Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	*Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	‡ Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
1070	534	1604	...	218	108	326	2316	5	40	5	34	450	2375	277	2652
302	172	474	...	31	52	83	667	5	25	2	6	85	311	24	335
208	197	405	...	51	93	144	690	1	9	5	15	252	421	1	423
228	161	389	...	54	67	121	660	3	9	6	17	306	431	8	440
302	259	561	...	47	83	130	898	2	19	11	11	308	046	35	482
159	152	311	...	54	59	113	550	3	14	8	10	282	329	4	333
398	338	736	...	105	88	193	1082	5	5	1	3	100	1129	56	1185
401	435	836	...	169	155	324	1319	7	27	5	7	212	523	8	531
464	442	906	...	226	321	547	1674	30	81	4	8	125	796	44	840
357	408	765	...	264	156	420	1399	3	28	7	13	197	658	11	669
450	378	828	...	265	278	543	1544	13	40	4	11	170	794	12	806
450	267	717	...	172	225	397	1274	4	43	7	11	215	540	...	540
882	982	1864	...	690	519	1209	3332	31	50	8	28	856	747	...	747
872	463	1275	...	923	587	1480	2998	26	29	5	14	418	564	46	610
1131	1013	2144	...	197	486	683	3419	31	56	10	44	772	1343	19	1363
915	708	1623	...	419	448	867	2845	16	48	5	16	472	787	28	816
...	...	...	...	...	...	218	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8529	6909	15438	18843	3685	3725	7798	26667	185	523	93	248	5220	12199	577	12777
4482	13955	28437	35087	10280	9770	20050	55137	735	1352	277	517	13214	18765	3151	21916
23011	20864	43875	53930	14165	13495	27848	81804	920	1875	370	765	18434	30961	3728	34693

* Includes total communicants and baptised adherents.
† Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

Madura West Church Council.

Church				Officers		Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
Dindigal East ...	1837	Rev. A. David ...	Tamil	...	6	...	39	...	14	...	7	3
Dindigal West ...	1871		Do	...	...	...	14	...	3	...	7	2
Dindigal Station ...	1838	,, P. Addison Hull	Do	...	...	5	22	...	4	3	8	2
Palni	1864	,, Samuel Francis	Do	...	...	1	1	...	11	...	13	1
Kodaikanal ...	1857	,, S. Vethamanickam	Do	7	...	14	5	...	4	...	3	2
Kottaimedu ...	1858	,, A. Masilamany	Do	...	2	1	8	...	3	...	9	1
Andipatti	1859	,, S. A. Devasagayam	Do	1	7	18	5	...	10	2	13	2
Kombai	1856	,, S. Nallathambi	Do	...	...	...	12	...	4	...	3	2
Kovilapuram ...	1856	,, R. C. Selvanayagam	Do	10	2	2	17	...	...	...	6	2
Bodinaikamur ...	1856		Do	9	7	...	33	...	..	...	3	2
Kambam	1856	,, S. Isaac ...	Do	5	1	...	23	...	1	...	2	2
Batlagundu ...	1872	,, V. Santiagu ...	Do	9	1	2	28	...	1	...	...	2
Chandlerpuram ...	1878	Do ...	Do	6	1	1	6	...	1	1	1	
Pommanpatti ...	1876	Do ...	Do	6	1	10	1	...	5	2	3	
Ammapatti ...	1872	,, A. Pitchamuthu	Do	9	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Silkwarpatti ...	1858	Do ...	Do	9	1	2	...	...	1	...	1	
Pasumalai	1868	,, C. N. Eames...	Do	...	1	23	34	...	3	...	21	3
Tirumangalam ...	1839	,, P. Thomas ...	Do	...	2	2	35	...	1	...	...	5
		Total...		71	33	81	283	...	67	8	100	41

Other members of Council, Rev. J. E. Tracey. Rev. W. P. Elwood.
,, J. P. Jones. ,, B. V. Mathews.
,, J. J. Banninga. ,, J. X. Miller.
,, J. C. Perkins.

Secretary, Rev. A. Masillamani, Periakulam

Baptised Adherents				Unbaptised Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			Contributions		
Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	* Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	‡ Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
230	221	451	780	...	...	...	780	...	...	7	...	152	460	21	481
247	573	820	1109	10	...	10	1119	...	12	11	...	250	255	32	287
100	363	463	719	...	...	...	719	...	25	8	...	374	546	100	646
30	131	161	336	139	202	341	677	...	1	11	...	230	344	51	395
100	146	246	501	...	15	15	516	...	17	4	...	120	616	227	843
63	231	294	475	...	15	15	490	...	8	8	...	329	446	121	567
200	100	300	572	58	50	108	680	...	11	12	...	315	470	117	587
242	300	542	750	...	25	25	775	...	15	9	...	473	578	188	766
135	285	420	634	57	89	146	780	10	30	7	232	192	622	151	773
201	33	234	435	67	134	201	636	...	11	6	...	165	117	91	268
230	232	462	735	79	273	352	1087	...	38	7	...	243	580	137	717
117	100	217	459	50	50	100	559	13	17	10	...	305	364	157	521
53	39	92	143	28	9	37	180	3	3	1	...	24	21	15	36
13	26	39	128	14	14	28	156	...	3	1	...	20	120	15	135
96	51	147	244	1	3	4	248	...	6	3	...	160	152	53	205
60	58	118	200	4	6	10	210	...	4	4	...	143	182	53	235
209	110	319	709	69	50	119	828	...	13	9	...	571	1005	492	1497
275	860	1135	1665	80	70	150	1815	...	25	31	...	725	1281	75	1356
601	3859	6460	10694	656	1005	1661	12255	26	239	149	232	4791	8219	2096	10315

* Includes total communicants and baptised adherents.

‡ Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

Madura East Church Council.

Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added by certificate	Added by Exmn.	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
Madura East Gate Church	1872	Rev. Y. S. Taylor ...	Tamil	...	4	26	20	...	4	...	...	35
„ North Union „	1904	„ G. P. Thangam...	Do	...	1	7	14	...	5	...	3	37
„ South Gate „	1895	„ M. S. Nallathambi	Do	...	1	2	13	...	6	...	...	12
„ West Gate „	1868	„ J. Rowland ...	T & E	...	1	5	3	...	2	...	...	18
Aruppukkottai ...	1883	„ Samuel Joseph ...	Tamil	...	1	27	33	...	10	...	25	36
Kamuthi	1889	„ Y. J. Taylor ...	Do	...	1	9	15	...	1	...	...	25
Karisakulam ...	1855	„ S. Gnanamuthu...	Do	...	1	3	8	...	...	...	...	16
Mallankinaru ...	1855	„ N. Gnanasigamony	Do	...	1	3	2	...	1	...	1	9
Mukkur	1908	„ R. Daniel ...	Do	...	1	6	18	...	3	...	27	18
Mandapasalai ...	1851		Do	...	2	4	19	...	9	2	...	31
Mundudaipu ...	1894	„ A. Gnanamuthu..	Do	...	1	8	6	...	3	...	...	13
Paralachi	1855		Do	...	1	...	2	...	4	...	...	9
Sevalpatti	1855	„ G.P. Vethanayakam	Do	...	1	13	14	...	7	1	4	21
Manamadura ...	1864	„ P. Asirvadham ...	Do	...	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	25
Melur	1848	„ S. Thirithuvadasan	Do	...	1	13	10	...	2	3	15	14
Tirupuvanam ...	1838		Do	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	16
Setthur	1910	„ M. Meyappan ...	Do	...	1	12	2	...	...	...	...	4
		Grand Total...	...	...	21	144	180	...	61	6	75	347

Other members of Council,

Rev. J. S. Chandler
„ F. Van Allen
„ W. W. Wallace
„ W. M. Zumbro
„ E. M. Flint
„ A. J. Saunders

Rev. E. P. Holton
„ C. S. Vaughan
„ H. C. Hazen
„ F. E. Jeffery
„ L. C. Powers

Secretary, Rev. Y. J. Taylor, Kamuthi, Ramnad Dist.

Baptised Adherents				Unbaptised Adherents				Baptisms During Year		Sunday Schools			Contributions		
Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
190	94	284	642	36	18	54	696	5	16	7	20	458	794	166	960
120	59	179	550	151	75	226	776	3	7	14	30	605	850	...	850
108	53	161	289	...	...	...	289	9	7	14	25	310	540	...	540
95	47	142	330	8	3	11	341	2	10	2	8	120	601	96	697
310	154	464	830	210	105	315	1145	18	21	15	22	715	1487	50	1537
120	60	180	437	485	242	727	1164	9	12	11	15	251	466	23	489
96	48	144	310	145	72	217	527	8	13	4	7	128	489	18	507
80	39	119	215	109	54	163	378	2	11	6	11	155	461	14	475
120	59	179	362	118	59	177	539	17	5	11	15	307	389	15	404
185	92	277	594	426	212	638	1232	3	7	5	9	244	860	26	886
147	73	220	350	77	38	115	465	6	2	2	5	42	633	28	661
60	30	90	180	94	47	141	321	...	8	10	12	370	293	5	298
190	95	285	502	304	152	456	958	7	14	8	12	180	689	24	713
175	87	262	513	308	154	462	975	...	7	15	25	463	410	40	450
104	52	156	305	49	24	73	378	1	9	8	20	127	601	74	675
58	29	87	254	211	105	316	570	...	1	1	3	20	296	13	309
25	12	37	79	286	143	429	508	...	4	4	8	65	192	6	198
2183	1085	3266	6742	3017	1503	4520	11262	90	154	137	247	4350	10351	598	10549

* Includes total communicants and adherents.

‡ Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

Kanarese Church Council.

Church			Officers			Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	
Bruce Petta (Bellary) ...	...		Kan. Tamil	...	5	3	5	...	4	1	4	9
Kowl Bazaar (Bellary) ...	...		Telugu	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Bevanahalli ...	1907		Kan.	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	1
Muruvani	...		Do.	...	3	...	3	...	1	...	...	4
Adoni	...		Do.	...	2	2	5	...	...	...	...	1
Kanarese, Bangalore	1851		Do.	...	4	6	4	...	4	...	...	9
Tamil, Bangalore...	1821	Rev. S. David ...	Tamil	...	4	...	3	...	3	...	...	6
Hosur	1908		Kan.	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Chikkaballapura ...	1908											2
Goribidunur ...	1908											1
					22	12	22	...	14	1	4	4

Other members of Council, Rev. B. Lucas — Rev. F. Kingsbury

„ E. H. Lewis — „ D. S. Herrick

„ T. V. Campbell — „ E. P. Rice

„ G. Wilkins — „ H. F. W. Lester

„ G. E. Phillips — „ F. A. Stowell

„ J. Mathers — „ S. J. Cox

Secretary, Mr. B. A. Arokkiam, Malur, Kolar Dist.

APTISED DHERENTS				UNBAPTISED ADHERENTS			BAPTISMS DURING YEAR			SUNDAY SCHOOLS			CONTRIBUTIONS		
	Children on roll	Total on roll	*Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	†Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
71	85	256	350	6	3	9	359	7	7	6	24	266	582	24	606
19	22	41	55	1	...	1	56	...	3	2	3	50	85	11	96
15	12	27	46	1	1	2	48	...	2	...	...	...	99	11	110
83	38	121	161	...	...	...	161	3	8	1	1	20	240	12	252
37	15	52	65	...	...	...	65	...	1	1	2	22	131	11	142
27	63	190	288	8	3	11	299	1	16	5	20	290	521	40	561
57	28	85	145	1	...	1	146	6	...	...	...	...	435	25	460
28	14	42	65	23	12	35	100	1	1	...	...	...	48	10	58
35	17	52	80	...	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	...	70	11	81
34	16	50	69	18	9	27	96	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11
06	310	916	1324	58	28	86	1410	18	38	15	50	648	2222	155	2377

* Includes total communicants and baptised adherents.

† Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

Church				Officers	Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year
Vaddukoddai ...	1817	Rev. S. Veerakatty ...	English & Tamil	...	2	2	8	...	4	2	1
Araly	1907		Tamil	...	2	...	7	...	...	...	3
Karadive	1855	Rev. Isaac Paul... ...	do	...	2	...	6	...	3	2	...
Velanai	1858	,, S. R. Hitchcock ...	do	..	2	4	2	...	...	...	...
Sanganai	1872		do	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	9
Moolai	1880		do	...	2	7	...	...	1	...	2
Manepay	1831	Rev. F. M. Anketell ...	do	...	2	4	8	...	1	3	...
Sandelipay ...	1908		do	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...
Pandateruppu ...	1831	Rev. J. K. Sinnatambi...	do	...	2	2	4	...	...	2	...
Navaly	1860	,, W. H. Joseph ...	do	...	2	...	14	...	3	8	...
Uduvil	1831	,, S. Eliathambi ...	do	...	3	6	31	...	7	...	...
Alavetty	1870	,, W. P. S. Nathaniel	do	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	...
Tellippalai ...	1831	,, C. D. Velupillai ...	do	...	2	5	7	...	...	...	15
North Eralalai ...	1886		do	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...
South Eralalai ...	1888		do	...	2	5	2	...	1	...	2
Chavakachcheri ...	1634	Rev. R. T. Bryant ...	do	...	2	1	9	...	3	...	48
Nunavil	1896		do	...	2	1	6	...	3	...	8
Usan	1912		do	...	2	6	3	...	1	3	...
Udupiddy... ...	1847	Rev. J. M. Sanders ...	do	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	6
Atchuvaly... ...	1892		do	...	1	1	3	...	4	2	6
Varany	1895		do	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...
		Total...		...	42	49	119	1	34	22	100

Other members of Council, Rev. T. B. Scott Rev. G. G. Brown
,, J. H. Dickson

Baptised Adherents			Unbaptised Adherents			Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			Contributions		
Children on roll	Total on roll	* Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	‡ Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
4 59	63	176	13	...	13	189	3	4	4	13	182	982	303	1285
. 95	95	179	5	...	5	184	1	5	3	8	101	582	128	710
4 65	69	169	8	...	8	177	2	3	10	4	82	888	139	1027
4 19	23	61	13	...	13	74	...	1	3	13	305	1213	36	1249
2 19	21	85	6	...	6	91	...	2	3	11	234	645	67	712
. 12	12	37	2	...	2	39	...	...	1	5	35	331	76	407
. 75	75	230	7	...	7	237	...	3	4	18	156	1424	367	1791
. 37	37	90	...	5	5	95	...	2	1	4	35	458	70	528
5 53	58	142	8	...	8	150	...	5	6	16	397	1043	83	1126
. 157	157	413	30	...	30	443	12	10	3	8	268	1417	445	1862
. 94	94	603	46	...	46	649	3	9	3	36	526	1206	925	2131
6 29	35	88	6	...	6	94	...	3	4	6	76	531	149	680
8 70	78	215	20	...	20	235	7	6	9	27	239	963	284	1247
. 24	24	66	4	...	4	70	...	2	5	17	298	459	46	505
4 22	26	75	4	...	4	79	4	4	3	10	100	425	31	456
6 39	45	119	11	...	11	130	...	6	3	8	203	1097	386	1483
. 22	22	60	...	...	...	60	3	1	2	6	51	486	44	530
. 16	16	69	4	...	4	73	...	1	2	4	46	466	92	558
1 43	44	162	11	...	11	173	3	3	5	23	260	996	206	1202
2 34	36	95	3	...	3	98	...	4	5	15	410	669	51	720
. 30	30	100	7	...	7	107	...	3	3	5	46	850	55	905
46 1014	1060	3234	208	5	213	3447	38	77	82	257	4050	17129	3985	21114

*Includes total communicants and baptised adherents.
‡ Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

Church			Offi-cers	Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of organization	Pastor	Deacons and Elders	Added by certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year.	Number on Roll
Cudappah Town Church	1908	Rev. Jacob Cob ...	7	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Jammalamadugu ...	...		7	6	5	3	3	1	4	5
Kottappallu Circle ...	1909		65	...	...	...	13	...	1	11
Ballaveram	...		47	...	4	...	4	...	...	4
Velavati	...		50	...	1	...	4	...	...	4
Donavur	...		49	...	2	...	3	...	3	6
Chintagunta... ...	...		60	...	5	...	2	...	2	4
Kamalapuram ...	1911		26	...	6	...	1	...	...	2
Yerraguntla... ...	...		29	...	15	...	7	1	...	3
Jammalamadugu ...	...		57	...	5	...	2	...	3	10
Mudiam	...		55	...	21	...	13	3	9	8
Ilamanchipatnam ...	...		69	...	10	...	15	6	3	7
Uppalapad	...		46	...	15	...	4	2	2	10
Muddnoor	...		53	...	3	...	7	2	1	7
Palajiri	1912		24	...	...	...	3	1	...	2
Pattur	...		29	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
		Totals ...	673	6	95	3	85	16	32	89
Gooty District ...	...	(In charge of L. M. S)...	...	...	36	...	...	...	19	21
		Grand Totals ...	673	6	131	3	85	16	51	11

Other members of Council,
Rev. G. McFarlane, „ L. J. Thomas, „ S. B. Simon
Rev. F. L. Marler, „ S. Nicholson, „ R. Hickling.
Rev. H. W. Whyte, „ W. W. Stevenson, „ J. I. Macnair.

Baptised Adherenst				Unbaptised Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday school			Contributions		
Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	* Baptised community	Adults on roll	Children on roll	Total on roll	‡ Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
44	45	89	109	...	2	2	111	...	2	1	3	83	...	...	...
35	28	63	119	6	6	12	131	1	4	3	9	170	...	...	...
55	152	707	826	420	277	697	1523	...	...	10	10	120	...	...	...
76	109	485	532	291	173	464	996	1	...	6	6	94	...	...	...
64	123	687	728	272	247	519	1247	7	26	9	9	100	...	...	...
56	176	632	692	255	267	522	1214	...	7	7	9	72	...	...	...
59	122	581	621	270	242	512	1133	5	16	11	14	118	...	...	...
55	133	378	400	122	83	205	685	33	24	7	7	92	...	...	...
57	127	484	517	128	64	192	709	16	40	5	5	75	...	...	...
48	231	779	881	284	271	555	1436	16	40	13	13	155	...	...	...
73	261	1034	1114	325	249	574	1688	22	61	13	13	189	...	...	...
45	224	869	940	345	208	553	1493	23	36	12	11	128	...	...	...
87	189	676	779	137	114	251	1030	3	10	10	11	88	...	...	...
62	209	671	743	180	151	331	1074	3	6	10	10	84	...	...	...
81	48	429	450	320	40	360	810	...	3	6	7	90	...	...	...
88	56	344	347	167	123	290	637	...	...	7	7	77	...	...	...
85	2223	8908	9798	3522	2517	6039	15837	130	275	130	144	1725	3300	200	3500
.	...	3369	3583	...	...	4012	7595	78	122	66	71	1008	...	...	1020
85	2223	12276	13381	3522	2517	10051	23432	208	397	196	215	2733	3300	200	4520

Note. After the Report was made up the figures for the Gooty District were added. It as they were not included in the 1910 report, these figures do not materially change its nclusions.

* Includes total communicants and baptised adherents.

‡ Includes total baptised and unbaptised adherents.

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

APPENDIX E

Report of the Committee on the "United Church Herald"

At the last Assembly the Rev. J. P. Jones, D.D., was appointed editor, and Mr. A. Arthur Telugu editor. The Executive Committee was authorized to fill other offices, and the Rev. J. J. Banninga was continued in the office of business manager, and the Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, D.D., as chairman of the committee. Dr. Jones continued to edit the paper till March, 1913, when he was obliged by reasons of health to take a short furlough in Europe. He has now returned; but he has expressed a desire to be relieved of further responsibility for the paper. The committee is glad to be able to announce that Rev. H. A. Popley, who was editor in 1910-11, has kindly agreed to take up the task again, with effect from November, 1913. To the Rev. J. J. Banninga, who at the request of the committee undertook the editorial work in the interval, the committee is deeply indebted, as also for his strenuous work as business manager. The Telugu issue continues as before in the hands of Mr. A. Arthur, to whom also the committee tenders grateful thanks. The committee also has the pleasure of acknowledging the service of the C. E. editor, Rev. C. N. Eames, and the Assistant Editors, Messrs. V. Santiago, G. P. James, and M. S. Taylor.

The *personnel* of the committee has changed considerably since the last Assembly. Since Dr. Wyckoff found it necessary on account of his health to resign the chairmanship, Rev. J. Stewart was appointed in 1912, and in view of his furlough Rev. J. H. Maclean was appointed, with effect from 1st April, 1913. The committee now consists of the following, in addition to the chairman; Messrs. J. P. Cotelingam, A. Arthur, H. A. Popley, C. Arumaynayagam, W. T. Scudder, and J. J. Banninga.

At a meeting held in November, 1912, the following steps were resolved on:

1. To discontinue the mid-monthly issue from 1st Jan., 1913.
2. To increase the Tamil portion by eight pages, from the same date.
3. To improve the quality of the paper used.
4. To increase the size of the page and use leaded type.

The latter improvements came into effect from 1st April, 1913. The paper continues to be issued from the Lenox Press, Pasumalai, which has done its utmost to meet the wishes of the committee. It is gratifying to note that the circulation has risen from 1,738 at the end of the second year to 2,026 at the present time. This is made up as follows:

Tamil, 861, Tamil-English, 671, Telugu, 397, Telugu-English, 97.

While this circulation is so far gratifying, it cannot be said to be altogether satisfactory. If the list of subscribers could be fully analysed, it would probably be found that the great majority of them were mission agents. Your committee would ask whether more cannot be done to secure the support of those who are in independent positions. The paper belongs to the Church rather than to the missions; and church members as such, whether they be mission agents or not, should subscribe to it.

It is also gratifying to notice that in the year ending 31st March, 1913, the paper approached more nearly than hitherto to self-support, the balance at the beginning of the year Rs. 22-2-6, being replaced at the end by a balance of Rs. 216-12-0.

This result is largely due to the increase in advertisements, secured through the efforts of the business manager. The subsidy from the missions, however, amounted to Rs. 615, without which there would have been a deficit. As the future of the paper is not yet assured, it is desirable that the missions continue their aid for some time longer. If the money is not required for current expenses, it will be used in the first instance to provide a working balance which will obviate the necessity of a deficit in the first part of each year, and afterwards to form a reserve fund which will be a safeguard against unforeseen losses.

The committee feels that the paper has not yet realised its ideal as a means of bringing all sections of the Church into touch with each other. The arrangements made by the last Assembly for correspondents from each church Council has not worked satisfactorily. Not many of these correspondents have contributed, and not all of these have realised what is wanted *viz.* brief accounts of events of common interest. The result is that much that should be recorded is passed over in silence. It is hoped that the new committee will be able to find some solution of this problem. (For resolutions see page 12 of the Minutes.)

(Signed) J. H. MACLEAN,
for the Committee.

APPENDIX F

Report of the Committee on a Directory of Worship

It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the General Assembly, held in Bangalore in 1911, this committee was enlarged and instructed "to modify on Indian lines the Order of Service" already prepared. In addition to this the committee went forward with the work already in hand of preparing the orders for the other services of the church. In October, 1912, on the resignation of Rev. A. Parker, the Rev. H. A. Popley was appointed convener. The following members were also co-opted: —Revs. A. Parker, F. L. Marler, S. B. Simon and Mr. J. P. Cotelingam. On the departure of Rev. A. Sutherland on furlough, Rev. L. B. Chamberlain joined the Committee, and on his resignation, the place was taken by Rev. J. H. Maclean.

In order that the important work entrusted to the committee might be thoroughly done, it was felt necessary to have a meeting of the committee, and your executive was good enough to sanction a grant of Rs. 50 for the expenses. The committee met in Erode in February, 1913, and a general report of the meeting has already appeared in the *United Church Herald* for April, 1913.

During the present year informal meetings of various members of the committee have taken place at Erode and Kodaikanal, at which the work already done has been carefully revised. A final meeting of the committee was held in Madura on September 18th and 19th.

The committee has prepared in outline a modified order of service on Indian lines; and this has already appeared in the *Herald*. The principles followed in this are: first, that as far as possible the expressions of prayer and praise should not be translations from Western originals, but the spontaneous products of Indian Christian devotion; and secondly, that the main parts of the liturgical service should be in verse, so as to be either sung or chanted, Indian fashion.

The Order prepared is not a new order, but follows mainly the order of the present service, as the majority of the committee felt that the Indian Church was not yet ready for a complete innovation. The outline order is so framed that it may be adapted by each of the language areas. Sub-committees have been appointed to prepare it in Tamil, Telugu, Canarese, and Malayalim. The Tamil version has been already prepared, and has appeared in the *United Church Herald* for July and August. With regard to this new order the committee point out that it is not reasonable to expect that an order of service free from faults, and perfect in all its parts, can arise at once in the Indian Church; but there is no reason to doubt that the Indian Church will be able to evolve

a form of worship expressive of all that is highest in Indian religious devotion and thoroughly adapted to render to God the praise and devotion of the Indian Christian Church. It is fitting that the S. I. U. C. should make a beginning in this great task; and the committee ventures to hope that the order prepared by it may be the first step towards such a consummation.

This attempt should be regarded as a beginning only: and though your committee is well aware that the form has many imperfections, it is believed that it is on right lines. The modified Order of Service will not be finally printed and incorporated in the Directory until it has been subjected to full criticism and revised carefully in the light of all criticisms and suggestions. The committee earnestly hopes that all those to whom this new order does not fully commend itself will make definite suggestions and render help to the committee in its difficult task.

The committee desires that, as far as possible, the prayers for special occasions and for particular subjects provided in this order should be Indian in origin; and it, therefore, renews its request that members of the S. I. U. C. will give their aid in the search for suitable prayers. There are many beautiful lyrical prayers in the various vernaculars; and if brethren will render some of these into English prose and forward them to the convener, they will be put before the committee for consideration. It is hoped that in this and in other ways it will be possible to obtain prayers specially adapted to Indian needs and conditions.

With regard to the tentative order of Sunday service used in many of the churches, your committee felt that it had already gained too strong a hold to be displaced entirely, and came to the conclusion that it must remain as an alternative order. The following additions and alterations were made:—

1. Alternative responses and Scripture selections, an Invitation to Worship, from the Book of Common Prayer; General Confession; Psalm 51 as an alternative confession; an alternative thanksgiving; the Beatitudes as an alternative to the Commandments; prayers for rulers; and prayers for special objects; and a few more offertory verses, were added.

2. In response to a general desire, the Psalms were arranged to be read once every six months at the Sunday Services, and it is suggested that the Commandments be read by the minister alone, with a suitable response by the people.

3. Directions for the Conduct of Public Worship are also to be included in the Directory.

It is suggested that all these should be printed in the full Directory of Worship issued by the S. I. U. C. in *the various vernaculars*. In addition the following forms of service have been prepared by the committee, *viz.*

The Lord's Supper; Baptism; Marriage; Burial; Ordination; Admission of Church Members; Laying of foundation

stones; Dedication of new Church buildings; Installation of Elders.

Some of these have already appeared in the *United Church Herald*.

Suggestions for special services for the church festival days have also been made, and a form for church certificate adopted.

It is proposed to print all these month by month in the *Herald*, and to ask for criticisms and suggestions, which will be considered at another meeting of the committee, when all the work done will be carefully revised and corrected. After this is completed, and the result approved by your executive, the committee may be authorized to publish a small edition in English, and to arrange for the formation of language area committees, in co-operation with the various Councils, with a view to the publication of the Directory of Worship in the different vernaculars. At the same time a number of copies of the Order of Service for Public Worship may be printed as required by the various Councils.

The committee strongly is of opinion that, in preparing the vernacular editions, it should be accepted as a principle that, except in such cases as the use of Scripture quotations or ancient prayers of the Christian Church, the vernacular should not be a literal translation of the English, but a free rendering of its ideas and thoughts.

The committee places its labours before this Assembly, conscious of the greatness of the task committed to it, and of its own inadequacy for it; and asks that all the help possible may be given to it by the members of the Church, and that its work may be remembered in earnest prayer at the Throne of Grace.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) H. A. POPLEY,
Convener.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Assembly :—

(1) The Assembly approves of the Alternative Order of Service presented by the committee, and of the modifications in the present Order of Service as recommended; and authorises the committee to prepare versions of these in the various languages, for the complete Directory of Worship. The committee should allow sufficient time for criticisms and suggestions to be made, and should take them into full consideration. The various Councils are authorised to proceed with the publication of tentative editions of these services for their immediate use.

(2) The Assembly approves of the course of procedure proposed by the committee, viz. to continue publishing the various

forms in the *U. C. Herald* for criticisms and suggestions, and to submit their final draft to the Executive for approval. With the approval of the Executive, and in consultation with the various Councils, the committee is authorised to arrange for the publication of a small English edition, and of editions in Tamil, Telugu, Canarese, and Malayalim, of the complete Directory of Worship, including the alternative order of service.

(3) That the Committee be continued with the following membership :

Rev. A. Parker, Trivandrum
„ F. L. Marler, Gooty
„ E. P. Rice, Bangalore
„ V. Santiagu, Batlagundu
„ Joseph John, Madanapalle
„ J. H. Maclean, Conjeevaram
„ H. A. Popley (Convener), Erode
Rev. S. Cornelius, Vellore
„ S. Simon, Jammalamadugu
„ Y. S. Taylor, Madura
„ F. Kingsbury, Bangalore
„ J. K. Sinnathambi, Jaffna
„ G. S. Vedanayagam, Madras
Mr. K. T. Paul, Salem

APPENDIX G

Constitution of the South India United Church

I. NAME. The South India United Church.

II. Object. To bind the Churches together into one body with a view to developing a self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating Indian Church, which shall present a united living testimony to Christ, and worthily represent to the world the Christian ideal.

III. CONFESSION OF FAITH.

NOTE 1. *As the Confession is a human instrument, it is understood that persons assenting to it do not commit themselves to every word or phrase, but accept it as a basis of union, and as embodying substantially the vital truths held in common by the uniting Churches.*

i. We believe in one God, who is a personal Spirit, the Creator, Sustainer, and Governor of all things; infinite in love, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. We acknowledge the mystery of the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ii. We believe that God, who manifests Himself in Creation and Providence, and especially in the spirit of man, has been pleased to reveal His mind and will for our salvation in various ways with ever-growing fulness, and that the record of this revelation, so far as needful for our salvation, is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, which are therefore to be devoutly studied by all; and we reverently acknowledge the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures to be the supreme authority in matters of faith and duty.

iii. We believe that all men are made in the image of God, and are brethren. We acknowledge that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, having in manifold ways offended against God's good and holy law; and that out of this condition no man is able to deliver himself.

iv. We believe that, to save man from the guilt and power of sin, God the Father in His infinite love sent into the world His only begotten Son, who alone is the perfect incarnation of God, and through whom alone men can be saved; that the Lord Jesus Christ through words of grace and through His perfect obedience even unto the death of the cross, did reveal the Father, and by His life, death, and resurrection did establish a way by which men may obtain forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life; that the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, maketh us partakers of salvation, enlightening our minds, convincing us of our sins, persuading us to accept Jesus Christ, and working in us the fruits of righteousness.

v. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has established a Church for the realization of the Kingdom of God, in which Church

all who follow Him in sincerity are members ; and that He entrusted to the Church the duty of making known to all men the Gospel of salvation through His name.. We also believe that He instituted the ministry of the Word, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead, and in a Judgement through Christ, whereby all shall receive according to the deeds done in the present life, whether good or bad.

NOTE 2. *The South India United Church reserves to itself the right to revise its General Confession of Faith whenever the consensus of opinion of the United Body demands it.*

IV. CONSTITUTION.

1. The South India United Church administers its affairs through Local Churches, Church Councils, and a General Assembly.

2. A Local Church is a company of believers regularly organized, and assembling statedly for public worship. Its officers are: a Pastor, set apart by ordination for preaching the gospel and administering the Sacraments ; and Elders or Deacons chosen by the Church, who with the Pastor constitute the Session or Church Committee. To the Local Church belongs authority to manage its own affairs either by the whole body of members, or through its Session or Church Committee. It examines and admits persons to the communion of the Church; grants and receives letters of transfer and dismissal; exercises discipline; provides for the preaching of the Word, and for the administration of the Sacraments when the church is without a pastor; has the care of the Sunday School and of all evangelistic work carried on by the Church; and appoints delegates to the Church Council. So long as a Church has official connexion with a mission, the mission has the right to appoint a representative on the Session or Church Committee.

Local Churches

3. A Church Council is composed of all the ministers, and lay representatives of the Churches, within a defined district. To the Church Council belongs the oversight and care of the Churches within its bounds. It organizes, disbands and recognizes Churches; ordains, installs, dismisses, and disciplines ministers ; gives counsel and aid to churches and unorganized companies of believers ; decides references and appeals regularly presented ; maintains order ; carries on evangelistic work ; and appoints representatives to the General Assembly.

Church Councils.

Each Church Council shall adopt its own system of rules, it being understood that such rules shall not conflict with this general scheme of union. Two or more adjacent Church Councils are at liberty to form themselves into a Synod for mutual help and

effectiveness of work; or for similar reasons a Church Council may be divided into two or more Local Councils; but in either case the unit of representation in the General Assembly shall be the Church Council and not the Synod nor the Local Council.

General Assembly.

4. The General Assembly, which shall meet once in two years, is composed of representatives, ministers and laymen, appointed by the Church Councils, each Council being entitled to one minister and one lay delegate for every three regularly organized churches. The General Assembly is the representative body of the South India United Church, and its counsellor. It assumes no authority *per se* over the Churches; but will consider references that come to it through and with the approval of the Church Councils. Its general duties are: to advise regarding the organization and boundaries of Church Councils, and to decide all matters referred to it by such Councils: to co-operate with the missions in carrying on evangelistic and other Christian work; to unite in cordial fellowship all the ministers of the Churches, and promote their intellectual and spiritual development; to tabulate statistics of the Churches and publish a biennial report; to devise ways and means for strengthening and advancing the interests of the whole Church.

NOTE. *This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Church Councils connected with the Assembly. An amendment must first be recommended to the Assembly by one or more Councils.*

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